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Letter dated 26 June 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that the People's Minister of Economics and Finance of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela was unable to participate in the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development held from 24 to 26 June 2009 at United Nations Headquarters, New York, because of an unjustified delay by the United States consulate in Venezuela in issuing him a visa.

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations protests in the strongest terms to the host country and urges it to honour its obligations under the Headquarters Agreement and to comply with the recommendations and decisions of the General Assembly and other established international standards in order to ensure that Missions to the United Nations are given equal treatment.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated to the States Members and observers of the Organization.

(*Signed*) Jorge **Valero**
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